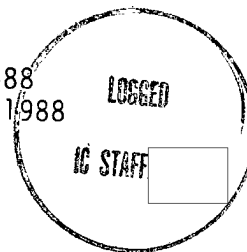


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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Foreign Intelligence Priorities Committee
Washington, DC 20505

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12 August 1988

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Director, Intelligence Community Staff

SUBJECT: Publication of the 1988 Edition of U.S. Foreign Intelligence Requirements Categories and Priorities

1. Action Requested: That you approve for publication the 1988 edition of the DCID 1/2 FIRCAP. (A dylux review copy is attached.)

2. Background: The principal purpose of this edition of the FIRCAP is to disseminate to intelligence consumers and the Intelligence Community an updated, current, and reorganized set of requirements categories and priorities. This specifically includes the military and S&T requirements categories and associated priorities that you approved on 31 May (see facing page). The document also revises the statistical data on the priorities matrix (page 3) to reflect all changes approved since the FIRCAP was last issued in October 1986 and provides an updated description of the role of the MASINT Committee and its use of the DCID 1/2 priorities (page 2).

3. As the Intelligence Community recognizes the need for improvements in this document, including changes indicated by the DDR&E's top-level review of requirements, et al., we are making them. At this point, no significant changes from the October 1986 edition have been made to the language of the Foreword and Introduction that describes the authority and purpose of the document. This seems appropriate for now. However, we have expanded the "Concept of Use" paragraph in the Introduction (page 1) to explain how the FIRCAP relates to the COFIR, indicating that the near-term priorities guidance of the FIRCAP is the foundation and point of departure for the longer-term priorities guidance provided in the COFIR. Of course, the current review of the top level requirements structure may affect this relationship in the future. But, at the present time, the description of the relationship is

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accurate, and those working with the COFIR and others throughout the Community have a clear need for the extensive new guidance in the FIRCAP. At a recent DDR&E meeting about the top-level review, it was obvious that the FIRCAP was used in various places and that such use is growing.

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4. In particular, anticipating that you would agree to the use of your name and signature in the Foreword, we proceeded to schedule publication of this document. In the week prior to your vacation, we were not able to get this package done and to you for approval. Meanwhile, rather than lose our place in the production que, we had the document manufactured. We don't think the Foreword needs revision at this point--but it likely will, in due course. Should you desire to change it now, only one page will have to be re-done.

5. Recommendation: I recommend that you approve publication and distribution of the 1988 edition of the FIRCAP as it now exists.

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Chairman

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Attachment:
As stated.

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APPROVED:

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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